

General Safety Information

WARNING! Read and understand all instructions. Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in serious personal injury.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!

Work Area

- **Keep your work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered benches and dark areas invite accidents.
- **Keep by-standers, children, and visitors away while operating a tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

Personal Safety

- **Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a tool.** Do not use tool while tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medications. A moment of inattention while operating tools may result in serious personal injury.
- **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry.** Contain long hair. Keep your hair, clothing, and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewelry, or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** Proper footing and balance enables better control of the tool in unexpected situations.
- **Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection must be used for appropriate conditions.

Tool Use and Care

- **Store idle tools out of the reach of children and other untrained persons.** Tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- **Maintain tools with care. Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
- **Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, and any other condition that may affect the tool's operation. If damaged, have the tool serviced before using.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained tools.
- **Use only accessories that are recommended for your tool.** Accessories that may be suitable for one tool may become hazardous when used on another tool.
- **Keep handles dry and clean; free from oil and grease.** Allows for better control of the tool.

Service

- **Tool service must be performed only by qualified repair personnel.** Service or maintenance performed by unqualified repair personnel could result in injury.
- **When servicing a tool, use only identical replacement parts.** Follow instructions in the Maintenance Section of this manual. Use of unauthorized parts or failure to follow maintenance instructions may create a risk of injury.

Specific Safety Information

▲ WARNING

Read this operator's manual carefully before using the RIDGID Hydraulic Knockouts. Failure to understand and follow the contents of this manual may result in serious personal injury.

Call the Ridge Tool Company, Technical Service Department at (800) 519-3456 if you have any questions.

Hydraulic Knockout Safety

- **The hydraulic components in this set are designed only for punching holes in metal.** The ram, pump, hose or coupling from this system should not be used for other applications such as jacking, pulling, pushing or raising loads. Other uses or modifying the hydraulic components for other applications may increase the risk of injury.
- **The knockouts are designed to punch holes in low carbon, mild steel up to 10 gauge maximum thickness or stainless steel up to 16 gauge.** Using this tool for any other purpose can result in serious personal injury and damage to the tool.

Hydraulic Hose

- **Should a hydraulic hose burst or rupture, immediately stop operating the pump before attempting to remedy the situation. Never attempt to grasp a leaking hose under pressure with your hands. A leaking hose should be replaced.** The force of the escaping hydraulic fluid could cause serious injury.
- **Avoid any conditions which could damage the hose and impair the pump's performance.** Never allow the hose to kink, twist, curl or bend so tightly that the oil flow within the hose is blocked or restricted. This damages the hose and could possibly result in serious injury to persons working in the immediate vicinity.